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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROSEMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Korie H. Chan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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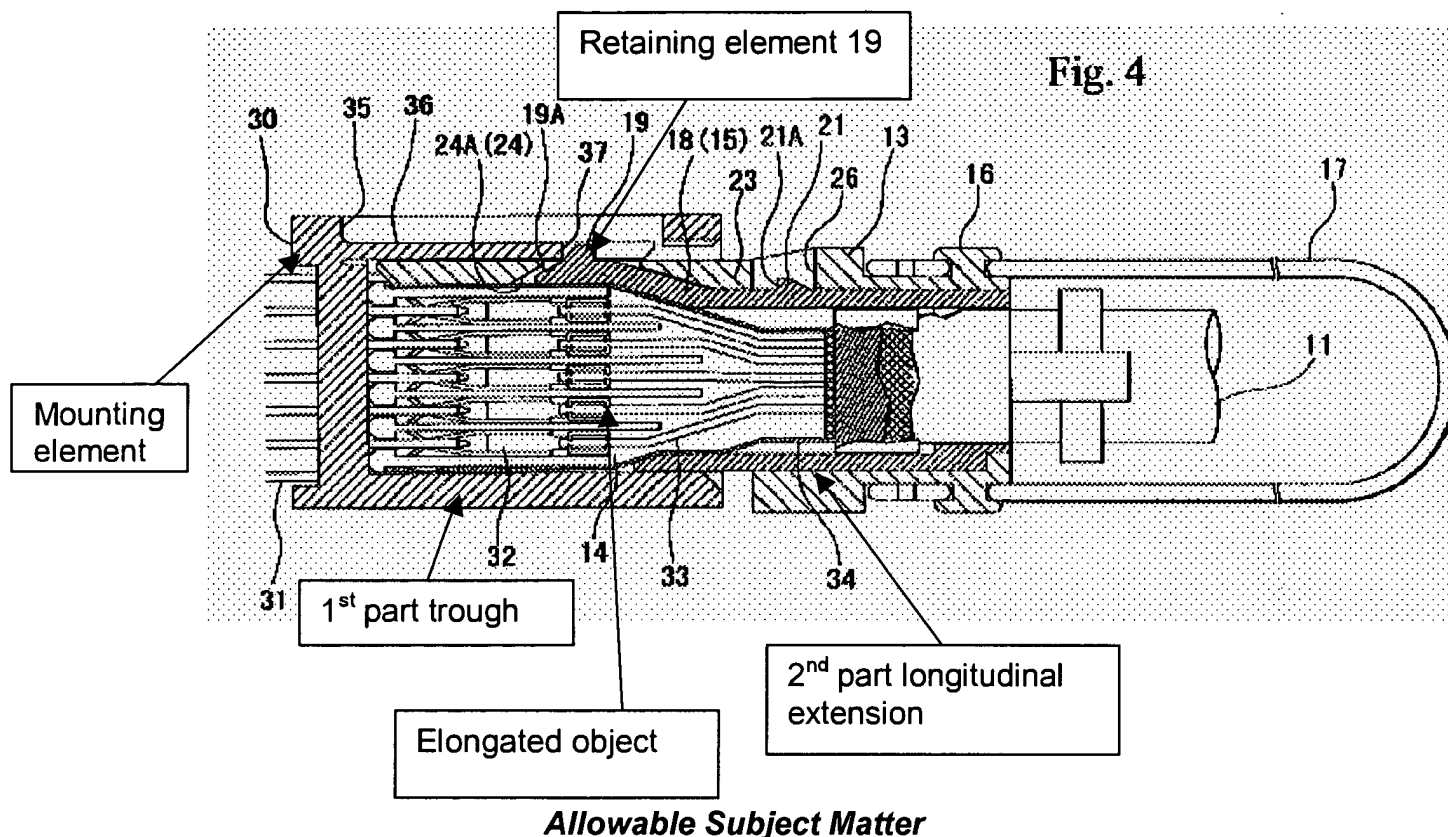
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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 16-18 and 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al (US patent no. 6,447,170). Takahashi disclose a holder (see illustration below) for an elongated object, comprising: a first part (30) defining a trough (inner space) for receiving and supporting the object longitudinally along a longitudinal axis of the trough parallel to a bottom wall of the trough; and a second part (10) defining a longitudinal extension of the first part along the longitudinal axis for trough of also receiving and supporting the object longitudinally, wherein the second part is a slide constructed so that the second part of the first part along the longitudinal axis, and wherein the second part has a retaining element (see illustration below) that moves over the object (note the retainer 19 moves in a direction perpendicular to and over the elongated object during its snapping action into locking engagement with the first part 30) to hold the object on the holder in response to insertion of the second part into the trough of the first can be moved longitudinally into the trough part; wherein the retaining element is moved to a closed position by a wedging action as the second part moves into the trough of the first part; wherein the first part has a mounting element below its trough for attaching the first part to a substrate; wherein the first and second parts have cooperable fastening elements for fastening the second part to the first part upon insertion of the second part into the trough of the first part.



Claims 1-15 and 19 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/8/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant first argues that Takahashi does not disclose a trough. Examiner disagrees. "a trough" is defined as "a long and narrow or shallow channel" in the MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY TENTH EDITION. Takahashi discloses exactly that a long narrow channel within the square cross-sectioned tube. Secondly, applicant argues that the cable 11 is already held in the connector 10 and is pushed into the housing 39 to lock and therefore does not constitute the retaining element move over the object on the holder in response to the insertion of part 10 into part 30. Examiner respectively disagrees. Takahashi's retaining element 10 is a snap

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lock that moves above or over the cable 11 as it is snapped into the housing or second part 30 and consequently constitutes moving above (or over) the object in response to the insertion. Applicant has a different interpretation of what is actually claimed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Korie H. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-6816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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